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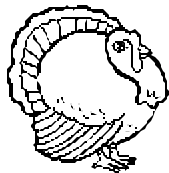
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen whole body hens and toms was mostly steady. Fresh and frozen turkeys finding limited availability. Some reporting more than usual transportation problems that are associated with major holidays. Most processors will have reduced slaughters this week. No sales reported. Fresh and frozen offerings uneven. Bulk parts and meat demand remains seasonally slow.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading was seasonally slow. Most interest coming from Mexico with other exporters taking a wait and see attitude. Offerings more than sufficient for trade needs.

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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-72	69-70.5	69.58	720	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-72	69-70.5	69.59	1330	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-63	58-62	59.82	440	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-63.5	61	61.00	10	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 26 NOVEMBER 2002.

Supplies of breast meat and trims were fully adequate for the limited demand. Bulk parts demand was light and supplies easily covered needs. Most interest centered on last minute fine-tuning for holiday items. Export demand was fair to the border, otherwise light.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	169.00	240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	92.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	20.20	100
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	7
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	19.80	50
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	21.20	200
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	19.67	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		F	15.00	4
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	157.44	90
THIGH MEAT		F	54.50	8
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	58.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	88.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	80.29	49
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	113.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	51.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.71	643
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	480
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00		23.00	104
TAILS		T	17.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00		53.00	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96-107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	73-86

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	119-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-129

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WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	22.00		22.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00		21.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00		54.00	20
NECKS, TOM	14.00		14.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	154.50-155.00		154.83	120
THIGH MEAT	52.00		52.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	58.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	83.00		83.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	75.00-76.00		75.11	90
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	105.00		105.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	135.00		135.00	12
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	50.00-50.50		50.25	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-17.00		16.27	96

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 11/27/02

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2002-2003	1,000	166,828	167,128
2001-2002	----	176,062	176,362